

It was reassuring because it suggests that some proof exists. Admittedly, the lust for evidence represents a sort of mass self-delusion, a belief that somehow the 1990's didn't happen and that no weapons programs were found then. It also represents topsy-turvy thinking: that the burden of proof is on Mr. Bush, not Saddam Hussein. Still, such thinking is a reality that the White House needs to face.

Such evidence is not needed on technical, moral or legal grounds. But it is needed to secure a broad coalition, which in turn is highly desirable if the risks of war—and an unstable aftermath of war—are to be reduced. At least from this vantage point in London, the recent opposition to war heard from France and Russia looks shallow. Some credible, publicly usable evidence is all that is needed for them to be able to back a second United Nations resolution and even to offer military support.

Following President Bush's address, therefore, an extremely favorable situation looks to be within America's grasp—a broad coalition and a second resolution, both just at the time when the military buildup is reaching its peak. Saddam Hussein, no doubt, will have fresh delaying tactics up his sleeve, such as apparent, partial admissions or concessions about weapons programs with which he will hope to sow new divisions and confusion. The wider the coalition against him, and the shorter the time he has available, the lower will be his chances of success.

The president's speech brought that prospect closer. Now Colin Powell must clinch it.

THE LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY CLEVELAND CHAPTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lithuanian American Community Cleveland Chapter and their celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence, which will take place on Sunday, February 16, 2003 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help auditorium.

The Lithuanian American Community has focused on the celebration of Lithuanian heritage and providing educational, cultural, and social services to its members. The many events it sponsors such as folk dances, art and science symposiums, and theater festivals, are always open to the public in an effort to share Lithuania's rich culture with others. The Lithuanian American Community has done an excellent job of supporting cultural interaction between the United States and Lithuania and looks forward to further integration in the West.

I would like to take this opportunity to honor and thank the leaders and members of the Lithuanian American Community of Cleveland for organizing these wonderful festivities, and for sharing their rich culture with all Clevelanders.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Lithuanian American Community Cleveland Chapter, a wonderful organization that has provided support for Lithuanian Americans, and enriched Cleveland with the contribution of their culture and heritage. May Sunday's celebration of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence be a wonderful re-

minder of Cleveland's richly diverse community, and a joyous occasion for all whom attend.

SPEECH BY GENERAL JAMES L. JONES

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to General James L. Jones who recently became the first Marine to assume command of the United States European Command, EUCOM. General Jones assumed command of EUCOM in Stuttgart, Germany, on January 16, 2003. Also, in a change of command ceremony held on January 17, 2003, in Mons, Belgium, General Jones became NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to share with the Members of the House the speech General Jones presented as he stepped into the command at EUCOM.

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Ambassador Coats, Members of Congress, Secretary Wolfowitz, General and Mrs. Myers, General and Mrs. Ralston, General and Mrs. Wald, State Secretary Bohmler, Lord Mayor Doctor Schuster, Professor Doctor Rommel, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Men and Women in Uniform, and Friends and Families: It is truly wonderful to be in Stuttgart again! Having been raised in Europe, and having served in this command from 1992-94, I have grown to appreciate the privilege and warmth of German hospitality—thank you one and all for welcoming us back and for making this a truly special occasion for Diane and me.

Men and women in uniform have the honor of serving our respective nations . . . and for Americans here present, it is a special responsibility to be able to serve our country overseas. America is fortunate to be a Nation of influence . . . the record of history will reveal it to be an influence for the greater good of freedom-loving people for stability and for the cause of peace in the world.

Nonetheless, we live in dangerous times . . . there are some in this world who would threaten our common ideals and our goals. They follow an ideology of illicit trade, illegal drugs, assassination, and global terrorism. They are, today, the cause of much of the suffering in the world, and so . . . it is morally right that those who love freedom . . . and are willing to defend it . . . pursue them into every dark corner of the world from which they plot and ply their trade.

We must, and will, remain vigilant and steadfast . . . victory in this global war will not come quickly . . . nor will we achieve it alone. It will take men and women of great character and courage to prevail in these demanding times—men and women such as those assembled here today . . . the men and women of the U.S. European Command working towards our common objectives in partnership with our friends and allies.

More than courage and character, qualities of principled leadership will remain vitally important. Fortunately for all of us, we have all benefited first hand from the extraordinary leadership of General and Mrs. Ralston over the past two and one-half years.

Joe and Dede, thank you both for your years of service to our Nation and to freedom loving people everywhere . . . for your caring advice and warm friendship . . . for your extraordinary generosity and thoughtfulness in

making this transition so effective and enjoyable . . . Diane and I wish you every happiness as you move into the next phase of your lives and as you go north to Alaska.

Men and women of the U.S. European Command, I am extremely humbled and proud to serve with you. Many challenges remain. We will not lack for important things to do. Where there is great challenge, there is great opportunity for those with the will and the courage to seize the moment. Now is such a moment.

The war on terrorism, changes to the unified command plan, and ongoing operations will all complete for our time and our resources . . . and we must also ensure that the quality of life provided to our families receives proper attention as well, for they play a critical role in the readiness of our force.

Diane and I look forward to working with you and your families . . . to continue to improve the spirit of security and cooperation we have worked so hard to build. To our German hosts, thank you for your warm hospitality and support . . . and to all of you present here today, thank you for making this event such a memorable one for both Diane and me.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE TO THE FAMILIES OF THE CREW OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE "COLUMBIA"

SPEECH OF

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today I join my many colleagues in mourning the loss of the seven courageous men and women on board the space shuttle *Columbia*. This is indeed a tragic loss, for the families of these seven astronauts, and for our Nation. These men and women committed their lives to the pursuit of knowledge and, in that pursuit, they made the ultimate sacrifice. For their courage and self-sacrifice they will be forever remembered as heroes.

While the *Columbia* tragedy demonstrated the risks involved in manned space travel, it also reminds us that NASA has had an excellent performance record over the past four decades. The courageous and talented men and women of NASA have made discoveries in space that have profoundly improved our lives on earth. Our exploration of space, our pursuit of knowledge must go on. As the families of the *Columbia* seven have stated, we cannot look back, we must press forward with our exploration of new territories.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be here today, remembering these fallen heroes. I am grateful for the resolve of our astronauts, our President, and Americans everywhere to remember the past while looking to the future. I urge my colleagues to unequivocally support this resolution.

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HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following article to be included in the RECORD:

[From the New York Times, Jan. 30, 2003]

WHAT THE WORLD HEARS WHEN THE
PRESIDENT SPEAKS; REMEMBER US?

(By Enrique Krauze)

Focused on its enemies, the Bush administration has forgotten its friends. Only one world region went entirely unmentioned in the State of the Union speech: Latin America. In another, far distant age—five days before terror struck New York and Washington—President Bush pledged a new alliance with President Vicente Fox of Mexico, on the grounds that a strong Mexico makes for a stronger United States. After 9/11, however, everything changed.

All of Latin America now seems aware that the United States has returned to an essentially reactive diplomacy that seems to come to life only when there are missiles pointing at its shores, Marxist guerrillas in the jungles, or revolutionary governments in the old banana republics. This is unfortunate because Latin America (with the exception of Cuba) has for a decade been abandoning its old grievances, drawing closer to the United States, opting for democracy and rejecting militarism, statism and Marxism. What is needed to make Washington take this Copernican shift seriously and support it in tangible ways? Maybe what is needed is for the miracle to end. And it may indeed end, if, in the face of American neglect, Latin Americans turn toward the biggest specter of the past: populism, the age-old temptation to put power in the hands of a heaven-sent strongman—yesterday in Alberto Fujimori's Peru, today in Hugo Chavez's Venezuela, and tomorrow perhaps in a charismatic Mexican politician.

Unfortunately, populist sentiment has been reinforced by Washington's mistakes. It lost democratic credibility by not condemning the coup against the populist but democratically elected Mr. Chavez. There was the scolding of Brazil and Argentina by Paul H. O'Neill, the former Treasury secretary, which sent their currencies tumbling. And there is the supreme shortsightedness of the economic blockade of Cuba.

More worrisome still is the administration's attitude toward its neighbor. The shelving of the 2001 immigration agreement was a mistake that has been compounded by new subsidies for American farmers, which fly in the face of the reforms required of Mexican agriculture under Nafta. Mexico's rural regions are its most sensitive. It was peasants who fought the Mexican Revolution 90 years ago, and it is from rural Mexico that the next explosion would likely come.

I agree with Mr. Bush that if Saddam Hussein is not evil "then evil has no meaning." But to combat evil, one must find strength in friendship. In dealing with the south, George W. Bush should try a different doctrine: pre-emptive cooperation.

IN HONOR OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
POLICE CHIEF RICHARD W. UNGER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today in honor and recognition of Police Chief Richard W. Unger, upon the occasion of his recent retirement from the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department, after twenty-seven years of dedication to the force and honor of the badge.

Chief Unger grew up in Cuyahoga Heights, and committed his entire law enforcement career to protecting the safety of the residents of his hometown. He joined the Cuyahoga Heights police department in 1976. Within ten years, Chief Unger was promoted to Lieutenant, then Captain. During that time, he also served as the Juvenile Officer, and was one of the original members of the Cuyahoga Valley SWAT team.

In 1992, at the youthful age of thirty-nine, Mr. Unger was promoted to the position of Police Chief. Chief Unger's total dedication to his profession was also reflected in his pursuit of additional law enforcement education and training. Throughout his law enforcement tenure, Chief Unger regularly attended workshops, classes and seminars to bolster his experience and knowledge. In addition, Chief Unger has been a member of many safety force commissions and boards, and has been awarded numerous awards and commendations for his exceptional work.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Cuyahoga Heights Police Chief Richard W. Unger, as we reflect on the past twenty-seven years of his significant service to the citizens of Cuyahoga Heights. Chief Unger's easy-going nature, integrity, expertise, and focus on protecting his constituents in Cuyahoga Heights have all served to raise the grade safety operations in Cuyahoga Heights to an exceptional level. Chief Unger has been an outstanding role model for his four children, grandchildren, and for every resident of Cuyahoga Heights. Chief Unger's exceptional service, focused on the welfare and safety of families and individuals, is truly significant and worthy of our gratitude and recognition. We wish Chief Unger, his wife Katherine, and his entire family many blessings and great happiness in his retirement. We also wish him many wonderful cloudless summer days of smooth sailing and great fishing along the waves of Lake Erie—Port outboard, Starboard home.

HONORING THE OHIO WESLEYAN
UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SOCCER
TEAM'S SECOND NCAA CHAM-
PIONSHIP TITLE

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Ohio Wesleyan University Battling Bishops Women's Soccer Team, who have won their second consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championship title.

Coach Bob Barnes led the Battling Bishops to a win over Messiah College in the NCAA Division III championship game on November 30, 2002 in Geneva, N.Y. on the campus of Hobart and William Smith Colleges. This game concluded a remarkable 24 and 0 season that saw veteran and freshman players make positive contributions and grow as student athletes.

The national title makes the Bishops the first team to repeat as NCAA Division III champions since the University of California at San

Diego in 1995–97. The win also extended the Battling Bishops' NCAA Division III-record winning streak to 45 straight games. The shutout was Ohio Wesleyan's 20th of the season.

Coach Barnes has built a successful team while upholding the school's strong tradition of requiring success in the classroom as well as on the playing fields. His leadership has paid off and the Battling Bishops have back-to-back championships to show for it and memories of this winning season for a lifetime.

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America and Adidas have also named Coach Barnes the NCAA Division III Coach of the Year. This is also the second straight NSCAA Coach of the Year honor for Barnes, who is a 1989 Ohio Wesleyan graduate.

The 2002 OWU Women's Soccer Team is as follows: Freshmen—Louise Cooley, Alicia Grambeau, Hillary Hughes, Kelsey McDonough, Sara Vogel, Sarah Wall, Melanie Yoder. Sophomores—Stefanie Fluke, Toni Frissora, Deborah Lochner, Kahrman McKenzie, Jill Taylor, Carrie Williams, Jennifer Wise, Kelsey Wright. Juniors—Casey Dobbins, Erika Howland, Krista Pouliot, Liz Sheehan, Tiffany Soggs, Akeya Terrell, Amy Work. Seniors—Emily Bayer, Lindsey Bland, Bre Cady, Mindy Hammond, Jamie Jenkins.

As a proud graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, I offer my sincere congratulations to the Battling Bishops and hope that I will have the opportunity to give similar remarks next year at the conclusion of the 2003 season.

RECOGNIZING THE 92ND BIRTHDAY
OF RONALD REAGAN

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, twenty-two years ago, as a young major of Marines, I had the high honor of serving President Reagan as his military aide. On inauguration day in 1981, this great man started immediately to improve the morale and pride of the armed forces. He had real admiration and respect for Americans in uniform, and real concerns about the status of our military forces in that troubling decade following the war in Vietnam. It seems impossible now, but in those years we were not permitted to wear the military uniform, unless by exception, in our nation's capital—a sad indicator of the state to which pride and confidence had fallen.

During his first inaugural parade, President Reagan told each of the service chiefs that it was time for a change. He told them he wanted to see more uniforms on the street. He knew that this change of direction and attitude was important not only to those wearing the uniforms, but to all Americans. The time of shame and remorse was over. We owe a great debt to this great man for many, many reasons. But, perhaps the first reason is his remarkable transformation of our armed forces.

Thank you, Mr. President and Happy Birthday!